

## RUSHING BUSINESS IN ALBANY

BOTH HOUSES PREPARING FOR ADJOURNMENT TO-DAY.

Many Bills Passed, Including Coney &amp; Cent Park Bill and Amendments to Rapid Transit—Senate Passes Anti-Bucket Shop Bill, but Assembly May Kill It.

ALBANY, April 22.—To-morrow one of the most uneventful sessions of the Legislature will end. Final adjournment has been fixed for noon to-morrow and it is likely that both houses will finish their business promptly on time. But the legislators will return. Gov. Hughes has set at rest the idea that he might issue his call for an extra session immediately on the adjournment of the present session to-morrow. It is more than likely that the extra session will be called for May 12, the date of the special election in the Forty-seventh Senate district. The illness of Senator Foelker of Brooklyn, has made it expedient to postpone the date of the extra session until after the successor to the late Senator Franchot has been elected. The main object of the special session will be to pass the anti-race-track betting bills, but other subjects that the Governor has treated in his annual message to the Legislature and in special messages are bound to come up at the extra session.

Whereas a year ago the Legislature was willing to grant Gov. Hughes anything he desired, and the State organization backed him up by approving of his course at a special meeting of the State committee, this year the Governor's recommendations have been completely ignored. Last year he secured everything he recommended except the direct nominations and the Massachusetts ballot law. He almost succeeded in getting the direct nominations, and but for the desperate fight made a year ago by Herbert Parsons and State Chairman Woodruff the direct nominations bill would be a law to-day, for they killed it in the Assembly.

The session has dragged along this year, but nothing like it did a year ago. It was just at this time last year that the Senate began to get busy, and then the new apportionment law tied things up. This year the Senate has drifted along and showed the first signs of waking up on Monday night, and the only real busy days of the session in the upper house have been those of this week. Senator Raines declared last week that the only bills on the calendar in the Senate that he had any interest in seeing passed were the financial bills. He was satisfied to pass them this week and then adjourn. To-day the Senate put in a busy day of it, and a session was held to-night. The Assembly has been in position to adjourn at any time since April 1, and has only been sitting to pass Senate bills.

Assemblyman Beverly R. Robinson's rapid transit law amendments, which change the Elzberg law so that it is expected that private capital will be induced to bid for new subway, passed the Senate. The Legislature also passed the Travis-Lee proposed constitutional amendment taking certain bonds from the computation of the city debt limit so that it is expected that \$125,000,000 will be available for new subway in 1910.

The Democrats fought Assemblyman Robinson's bill requiring lodging house keepers in New York city to keep a record which will afford ready identification of lodgers at election time. It was passed, 27 to 15.

The Senate passed Assemblyman Whitney's pure drug bill; Assemblyman De Groot's bill providing for a public highway through Cypress Hills Cemetery, and Assemblyman Foley's bill giving canal boats wharfage room in New York city.

The Senate adopted a resolution offered by Senator Davis providing for the appointment of a committee of four Senators and five Assemblymen to pass upon the work of the statutory consolidation commission and to report to the next Legislature.

It is now up to Gov. Hughes to say whether or not a candidate for political office can have his name in more than one column on the official ballot. Senator Gilchrist's bill, which deprives all candidates other than nominees for judicial offices of that advantage, passed the Assembly. Last year Gov. Hughes said he would not sign such a bill, this being intended to be a makeshift for the Massachusetts ballot law that he wants adopted in this State.

The Senate passed Senator Agnew's bill authorizing the New York city Board of Estimate and Apportionment to pay the commissioners appointed to look into the question of the pollution of New York city water supply each a salary of \$3,000 a year, the total appropriation out of the New York city treasury to be \$75,000.

The Senate passed Senator Grady's bill appropriating \$3,000,000 for good roads. Senator Grady gave notice that to-morrow he would move to suspend the rules in order to pass Assemblyman Francis's three platoon police bill for first and second class cities.

By a vote of 29 to 11 the Senate passed Senator Raines's bill amending the liquor tax law in accordance with recommendations made by the State Excise Commissioner. The bill gives special agents the right to search for and seize liquor where it is suspected they are being sold in no license towns. The law is made more stringent in many respects, for if a license is forfeited in one town it can be used for the premises for one year. Bondsmen are held liable for false statements made in an application. If a license for a place within 200 feet of a church is forfeited no license shall be given to a traffic in liquors again within that limit.

The Senate passed Senator Frawley's bill authorizing New York city to purchase the Steinway tunnel. The bill does not provide for condemnation proceedings, the city and owners of the tunnel to agree on a price. Much to the disgust of the automobilists of the State, Senator Armstrong to-day announced that he will also introduce a new motor vehicle tax bill, which had been agreed upon by all interests concerned and was believed to be the best kind of a measure that could be passed. The taxists say that they will endeavor to get the bill passed before adjournment to-morrow. The bill taxed automobiles according to weight, and the money derived from that source was to be used toward keeping the roads in repair.

Sensor Cohen's bill to prevent the passage of the bill of Senator Armstrong to appropriate \$119,000 for the purchase of a site for a new State Hospital for the insane at Hagers, Rockland county. The bill received 24 affirmative votes, two less than necessary to pass it, to it in opposition. Senator Raines attacked the site chosen and said that the commission that had been appointed to select the site had made an agreement with the broker that it engaged to not pay him any compensation for his work, but to give him advance information of the site that was to be chosen. Under a suspension of the rules the Senate to-day passed the Coney Island five cent fare bill. As it passed the Assembly several weeks ago the measure now goes to the Governor to be signed.

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expected the O'Brien bill will die in the committee of the whole, as the Senate will not go into that order of business again before final adjournment.

The Cassidy bill when it is received for concurrence in the Assembly will be referred to the Committee on Rules, where it will probably be snuffed out, so that there will be no anti-bucket shop legislation at the present session of the Legislature according to present indications.

The Senate passed the Assembly bill creating a State highway commission to construct good roads. The Assembly killed Senator Owens's bill which permits the New York Central Railroad to abolish a number of grade crossings in the Bronx district of New York city, as well as to do away with the Spuyten Duyvil curve. The railroad wanted the city to grant it a perpetual franchise in exchange for the Spuyten Duyvil, one that it now holds in perpetuity. The bill received only 30 affirmative votes to 90 in opposition.

Another railroad bill killed by the Assembly was that of Senator Hinman, which makes it a misdemeanor to steal a ride on a passenger train or street car. The annual appropriation bill, carrying an appropriation of \$21,000,000, passed the Assembly to-day. The total appropriations are increased about \$500,000 over last year.

The bill of Senator Page extending the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission to telephone, telegraph, ferry and other transportation companies and making many drastic changes in the Public Service Commission law was passed in the Assembly to-day for concurrence. It was referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Senate passed to-day Assemblyman Francis's bill providing for the appointment of a legislative committee to investigate the administration of justice in the inferior courts of criminal jurisdiction in the cities of the first class. This bill is designed to help Herbert Parsons in getting ready for the next municipal campaign in New York city. Gov. Hughes sent a recommendation to the Legislature that such a bill be passed the day after Mr. Parsons had visited the Governor, and this is the only bill that the Governor recommended in that special message that has passed both houses of the Legislature.

The Assembly Rules Committee decided to report for passage to-morrow Senator Cassidy's anti-bucket shop bill. Senator Page's public service law amendments, which among other things places telegraph and telephone companies under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, was not reported.

## TO INVESTIGATE THIS CITY.

Senator Cassidy's Resolution Unanimously Adopted by the Senate.

ALBANY, April 22.—Some weeks ago Senator Owen Cassidy of Schuylers county introduced a resolution providing for a legislative investigation of the financial condition of New York city. At the time it was pointed out that this resolution was broad enough to permit this legislative committee to Lexow the city of New York during the fall campaign if the political exigencies of the situation demand it. To-night the Senate reported the Cassidy resolution favorably during the hubbub prevalent at the tail end of the session and it was adopted unanimously. Senator Cassidy said to-night that the Assembly would adopt the resolution to-morrow.

## AGNEW GIVES UP THE FIGHT.

But He Hopes to Pass His Anti-Race-Track Gambling Bills at an Extra Session.

ALBANY, April 22.—Senator George B. Agnew (Rep., N. Y.) to-day gave up the fight to pass the anti-race-track betting bills at this session of the Legislature.

"I acknowledge defeat at this session," he said, "but I will renew it at the extra session, and I am satisfied that there will be an extra session. I have lost another vote through the serious illness of Senator Foelker, who has been obliged to go to his home in Brooklyn and will not be back at this session."

Sensor Foelker is said to be suffering from pneumonia poisoning. Until he is voted on the anti-race-track betting bills his position was doubtful, but he sided with the Governor and voted for the bills.

Through the efforts of the Rev. A. S. Gregg a call for a mass meeting in Albany to endorse the anti-race-track gambling bills has been signed by business and professional men. The meeting will be held in Harman's Hotel at 11 o'clock this city on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Gov. Hughes has promised that he will attend and make an address.

## TWO VETOES BY GOV. HUGHES.

One Affects Interurban Roads and the Other Legislators Who Are Attorneys.

ALBANY, April 22.—Gov. Hughes sent two vetoes to the Senate to-day. He vetoed a bill of Senator Boyce (Dem., Rensselaer) compelling the installation of waterclosets on interurban cars seating forty-five passengers and on roads not less than forty miles in length. The bill has several up-State railroads. The Governor says this is a subject the Public Service Commission can deal with.

The other bill vetoed was that of Senator Gilchrist of Brooklyn. The bill provides that where a member of the Legislature is an attorney of record in a litigation he can have an adjournment for a week if the Governor is attending to his duties in the Legislature and secure further adjournments to suit the convenience of the legislator-attorney. The Governor says the bill would open the door for grave charges of favoritism and of tying up of litigation through an entire session of the Legislature.

## AGAIN THE SUICIDE VERGE.

Nora May French's Poem Found in Russell Peck's Pocket.

A young man was found dead with a bullet in his heart and a revolver with one chamber empty lying by his side on a bench in East Dale park, Prospect Park, Brooklyn, yesterday morning. Later he was identified at the morgue as Russell Peck, 18 years old, by his father, Frederick J. Peck of 311 West 114th street, Manhattan. The father is employed in the main office of the Adams Express Company, where young Peck also worked as a financial clerk.

The young man did not get along well with his parents and for some time had been boarding at 1705 Bergen street, Brooklyn. Later he had been playing the races and lost some money he had saved. His companions say that he had worried a good deal and had often threatened suicide. This printed poem was found in his pocket:

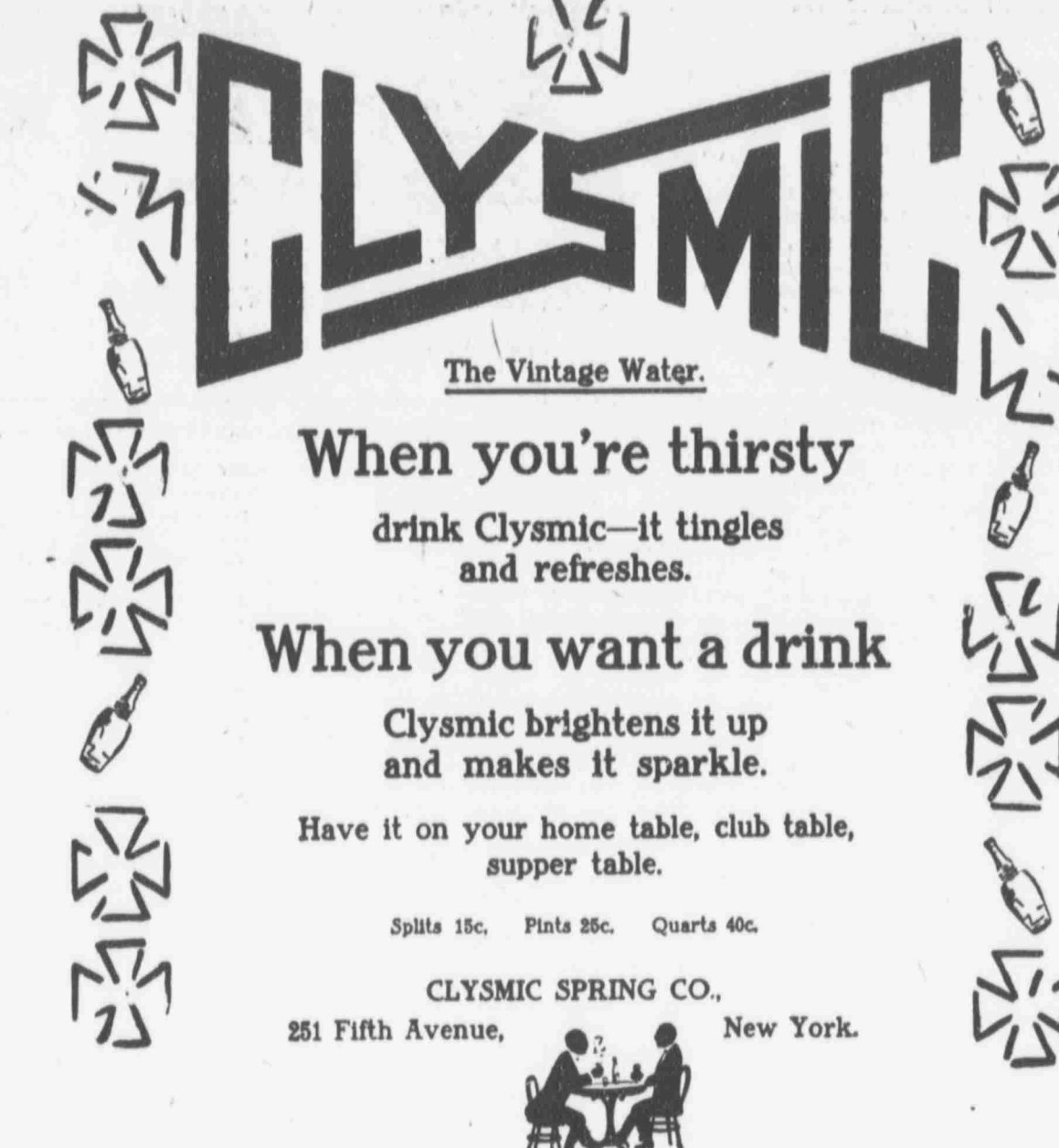
SUICIDE.  
I tilt my hollowed life and look within;  
The wine it held has left a purple stain.  
Behold a stain, where happiness has been,  
If I should smother down this empty vase.

Through what abysses would my soul be tossed  
To find a life in undeciphered lanes?  
What sentence meted me alone and lost,  
Before Him, with the payment in my hands?

Better the patient earth that loves me still  
Should drip her cleanness on the purple stain;  
Better my life, upheld to her, should fill  
With dimpled dew and gradual gift of rain.

Nora French.  
Nora May French was a close friend of George Stirling, the author of a variously discussed poem, "The Wine of Wizardry." Last November, while a guest at the home of Mr. Stirling at Monterey, Cal., Miss French killed herself. She left behind the poem called "Suicide."

Brooklyn Meeting in Favor of Anti-Gambling Bills.  
Arrangements have been made for a mass meeting next Sunday afternoon at the Clermont avenue rink in Brooklyn to urge the passage of the anti-race-track gambling bills. Public Service Commissioner William McCaull will preside and the speakers will include Joseph Chas. Stewart, L. Woodford, the Rev. Dr. Hillie, the Rev. Dr. Cadman, the Rev. Dr. Meyer of Temple Israel and Register William A. Pronger, guest.



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It was reported last night that the local authorities of the town of Greenburgh had declared that a bond of \$100,000 must be filed to indemnify the town for any damage done to the roads of that part of the course within the town limits.

Nineteen of the cars entered for the contest were out yesterday, the only absentees being Percy Owen's Bianchi, which Paul Sartori is to drive, Mr. Robert Guggenheim's Renault, which John Julien Bloch is to drive, and H. Tyson's Isotta-Fraschini, which Louis Strang is to pilot. Besides Campbell's Allen-Kingston, which was demolished in an accident, and George Robertson's Panhard, which ran into the mud near Mount Kisco, the other drivers and cars on the circuit were Oldfield, Vaughan and Leland in their Stearns cars; Harding and Poole, in Isotta-Fraschini; Michener and Mulford, in Loziers; Watson and Seymour, in Simplexes; Roberts, in Harry S. Hooper's house; Cedeno and Parker, in their Fiat; Louis J. Bergdoll of Philadelphia, in his Benz; Hilliard, in the Hol-Tan-Shawmut; Sing event probably the free for all, and is to be retained by the winner for one year. The cup is to be donated by the auto club and organizations of the city and is to be known as the Wilkesbarre cup.

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A number of special car parties are being formed by automobilists of various cities to come here for the Briarcliff trophy contest in Westchester county on Friday, one car being loaned to come from Chicago and another from Cleveland. Two parties are also coming from the Dominion of Canada, one made up of number of merchants and business men from Hamilton and the other a party of Government officials from Ottawa. Among those included in the latter party are the Hon. J. M. Macdonald, Minister of Finance, the Hon. Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia, the Hon. John S. Hendrie, Minister without portfolio; the Hon. Rudolph For-

get, Minister of Public Works; the Hon. J. M. Gibson, former Minister of Finance; the Hon. J. G. Emerson, former Minister of Railways and Canals, and a number of other officers whose names have not been announced.

Dr. J. R. Overpeck, a member of the contest committee of the Quaker City Motor Club of Philadelphia, has accepted an invitation to act as a judge of turns, controls and camps of the Briarcliff trophy race in Westchester county on Friday of this week. Richard J. Seiders of the Quaker City Motor Club has arranged to take Dr. Overpeck over the course in his six cylinder Fiat.

The automobile division of the parade will participate in this parade, and in order to stimulate interest and to mark their appreciation of the New Englander, secured early this week to act on behalf of the club. Others will be added to this committee who are interested and will aid by their efforts in the success of the organization, and who will advise to that effect.

An amusing incident in connection with the Briarcliff trophy race to be run in Westchester county on Friday, and one which displayed to great advantage the proverbial wit of the New Englander, occurred early this week at the Briarcliff Lodge, where Robert Lee Morrell, chairman of the executive board of the race, and asked if C. V. Archibald, of that city would be permitted to make a post entry for the race. Mr. Morrell was informed that it would be necessary for him to send in his certified check for \$1,000 as an evidence of good faith, after which his request would be referred to the members, whose unanimous consent must be obtained before the entry could be accepted.

On Monday morning a Mr. Lockwood of Stamford appeared at Briarcliff Lodge prepared to make formal application to enter the contest, bearing with them a certified check for \$1,000. The check was inspected by one of the race officials, he discovered that instead of being for the regular entry fee of \$1,000, the check was for \$200. When the would-be contestant was asked why he had brought a check for only one-half of the entry fee he replied that he had thought he could enter for half price, as it was only a few days before the contest was scheduled for decision.

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A number of special car parties are being formed by automobilists of various cities to come here for the Briarcliff trophy contest in Westchester county on Friday, one car being loaned to come from Chicago and another from Cleveland. Two parties are also coming from the Dominion of Canada, one made up of number of merchants and business men from Hamilton and the other a party of Government officials from Ottawa. Among those included in the latter party are the Hon. J. M. Macdonald, Minister of Finance, the Hon. Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia, the Hon. John S. Hendrie, Minister without portfolio; the Hon. Rudolph For-

get, Minister of Public Works; the Hon. J. M. Gibson, former Minister of Finance; the Hon. J. G. Emerson, former Minister of Railways and Canals, and a number of other officers whose names have not been announced.

Dr. J. R. Overpeck, a member of the contest committee of the Quaker City Motor Club of Philadelphia, has accepted an invitation to act as a judge of turns, controls and camps of the Briarcliff trophy race in Westchester county on Friday of this week. Richard J. Seiders of the Quaker City Motor Club has arranged to take Dr. Overpeck over the course in his six cylinder Fiat.

The automobile division of the parade will participate in this parade, and in order to stimulate interest and to mark their appreciation of the New Englander, secured early this week to act on behalf of the club. Others will be added to this committee who are interested and will aid by their efforts in the success of the organization, and who will advise to that effect.

An amusing incident in connection with the Briarcliff trophy race to be run in Westchester county on Friday, and one which displayed to great advantage the proverbial wit of the New Englander, occurred early this week at the Briarcliff Lodge, where Robert Lee Morrell, chairman of the executive board of the race, and asked if C. V. Archibald, of that city would be permitted to make a post entry for the race. Mr. Morrell was informed that it would be necessary for him to send in his certified check for \$1,000 as an evidence of good faith, after which his request would be referred to the members, whose unanimous consent must be obtained before the entry could be accepted.

On Monday morning a Mr. Lockwood of Stamford appeared at Briarcliff Lodge prepared to make formal application to enter the contest, bearing with them a certified check for \$1,000. The check was inspected by one of the race officials, he discovered that instead of being for the regular entry fee of \$1,000, the check was for \$200. When the would-be contestant was asked why he had brought a check for only one-half of the entry fee he replied that he had thought he could enter for half price, as it was only a few days before the contest was scheduled for decision.

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